Single Duty Drawback Scheme

†3738. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously considering a proposal regarding Single Duty Drawback Scheme for the exporters;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any step in this direction so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal before the Government.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Prices of LNG

3739. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of LNG charged from European importers is a clear Dollar 1 per million British thermal units lower than that paid by Asian buyers;

(b) if so, whether while European companies are paying Dollar 1.7 per million BTU, Asian firms have to fork out Dollar 2.7 million per million BTU;

(c) if so, whether Government are considering any move in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken so far?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Government are not aware of any differential price system for liquefied natural gas (LNG) buyers of Europe and Asia by the suppliers.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of the above.

Production cost of petroleum products

†3740. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the production cost of Petrol, Diesel, Kerosene, Naphtha and LPG in the country;

(b) if so, what has been the average production cost of above items during the financial year 2001-2002 on the basis of indigenously produced crude oil; and

(c) whether Government have also taken a decision to keep prices of petroleum products in the country under control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The production cost of individual petroleum products is not identified separately, since all the products are produced together.

However, upto 31.03.2002, the oil companies were paid import parity price for controlled petroleum products viz. PDS kerosene, domestic LPG, Diesel and Petrol. The average of the provisional tariff adjusted import parity price of these products for the year 2001-02 has been as under:

PDS Kerosene	Rs. 8530.37/KL
Domestic LPG	Rs. 13508.33/MT
Diesel	Rs. 9624.89/KL
Petrol	Rs. 8264.83/KL

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